



RECEIVED

21 JUN 2001

AUG 24 2001

PATENT

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

ST98023A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): SARKIS ET AL. EXAMINER : UNASSIGNED  
SERIAL NO. : 09/744,488 ART UNIT : UNASSIGNED  
FILED : JANUARY 24, 2001  
FOR : VECTORS DERIVED FROM BACULOVIRUS AND USE FOR  
TRANSFERRING NUCLEIC ACIDS INTO NERVE CELLS OF  
VERTEBRATES

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 on June 14, 2001.

William C. Coppola, Reg. No. 41,686  
(Name of Registered Representative)

*William C. Coppola*  
(Signature and Date)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, please insert the following:

--PRIORITY CLAIM

A<sup>1</sup>  
This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of PCT Application number  
PCT/FR99/01813 filed on July 23, 1999, which claims the benefit of French